



## Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

### January 2013 Newsletter

#### Cookies for Our College Students

On Sunday, January 27, CCC will package cookies to send to all our college kids reminding them that their church family loves and misses them while they are away. Families are asked to bring three dozen home-baked cookies to church. The Christian Education committee will organize the packing and mailing. If you have a college student in your family, please contact the church office with his/her address.



*Please note: because we are packaging the cookies differently, there no longer is a need for coffee containers.*

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**REVIVE! &  
ALIVE!**

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#### CCC Supports Souper Bowl

There will be a special collection on Sunday, January 27th & Sunday, February 3rd to benefit the Community Social Services' Soup as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a national event that raises funds to help local charities in communities across the country. CCC youth will be collecting your generous monetary donations in soup pots on January 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3rd. Checks should be made out to CCC but designate Souper Bowl on the memo line. Help those in need, and enjoy the football game!

**In 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring collected \$9,901,334**

*The CCC Annual Garage Sale  
is a long time away...or is it?  
Although it is hard to believe,  
the 2012 sale was 3 months ago!!*

**Please mark your calendar...**

*we are really  
counting on your  
help the week  
of September 22-28!!*



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# Bryan's Bits

Happy New Year!

I know that we feel like Christmas is over and that the season has drug on for what seems like months, but Christmastide is still with us until Epiphany which is January 6, which is the first Sunday in January this year. So we get to sing some more Christmas carols and celebrate the season of the glorious birth of our Savior, just a bit longer. I for one am more into Christmas after Christmas than before it. I think it has to do with all those lists and preparation and such . . . maybe you feel the same way? When I think of 2013 it seems so strange to have seen a year like 2012 come and now gone, so fast, so quickly that I hardly got used to it. I think as we age that time slips by us at a faster rate, or so it seems. I wonder does time just slip by, or do I allow the people in my life to slip by without much notice? Do I tell my children how precious they are to me, do I hug my wife and tell her I love her, and really, really mean it? Do I call and talk to my folks and my brothers and other family members and speak words of encouragement that has

meaning and conveys love? I would hate to have 2013 slip by without those whom I share my life with, know that I have shared my life with them! Without knowing that they matter to me and warm my heart at the very thought of them.

In this time of resolutions, that unfortunately ends in broken promises . . . I would like us as people of faith to commit our energy to loving those around us, to speaking words of blessing to those we come into contact with so that they feel time not slipping away, but time counting because we acknowledge that they truly count, at least in our lives. I pray that we do that this year as a church, that we make time to get together with our loved ones and our church family so that all will feel valued, loved and then cared for, may this be our pledge that comes not through resolution, but through conviction to passionately live for Christ and care for his people. To that end, I embrace 2013 with you!

Blessings,  
Bryan

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Please contact the ministers  
any time you feel it's necessary.

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The CCC men's group meets monthly on the first Saturday of the month for breakfast, fellowship and discussion. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 5, from 8 to 9 am in Friendship Hall. Breakfast from McDonald's will be picked up for those who would like it. Contact the church office if you can attend.

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate

Don't miss the September Women's coffee on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>! We start at 8am at Einstein's on Milwaukee. It is free flowing - we come and go when we need to. This is such a great time to sit down, relax, and get to know one another better. Mark your calendars now before things get too busy. Come share some coffee and some laughs to start your day off right!



## CCC Women's Book Group

This group is using a Bible study book called, "Living Above Worry and Stress" from the Women of Faith study series. The back cover states: "Our hearts are overwhelmed. We are stressed out. We are worried. We dread tomorrow. In the midst of all this everyday turmoil, our hearts are longing for a place of peace." It's not too late to join us and learn how to live above the worry and stress of your life.

The next meeting will be on January 26 at 10am in the church office. We will talk about chapters 6 & 7. Bring your lunch if you want to eat!

For questions or more information, contact the church office



## Putting Away Christmas

Please plan to help undecorate the church on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Many hands are needed to put Christmas away at CCC and your hands will be very much appreciated!

## Upcoming Events

January 5	Men's Breakfast
	Putting Away Christmas
January 9	Soup Kitchen
January 12	Women's Coffee Break
January 13	PADS Lunches
	Ministries Council
January 26	Women's Book Group
January 27	Cookie Sunday
February 3	General Board
February 13	Lent Begins
February 16	Feed My Starving Children
	Soyeon's Recital at CCC
February 23	Birthday Dinner

Keep up with CCC events

Go to the Upcoming Events page on our website:

[www.CCCLincolnshire.org](http://www.CCCLincolnshire.org)

## Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8 & 10am	Worship Services
Sundays, 9am	Adult Sunday School
Sundays, 11:30am-1pm	Youth Group Meetings
	<i>resumes Jan. 13</i>
Tuesdays, 10am	Sermon in the Round
	<i>resumes Jan. 8</i>
2nd Wednesday of month, 4pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm	Choir Practice
	<i>resumes Jan. 9</i>
Thursdays, 7pm	Bible Study
	<i>resumes Jan. 10</i>
1st Saturday of month, 8am	Men's Breakfast
2nd Saturday of month, 8am	Women's Coffee Break
2nd Sunday of month, 11:30am	PADS Lunches
4th Saturday of month, 9:15am	Women's Book Group

# CCC Youth Page

## ALIVE!

5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

## REVIVE!

9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS



*Blessed are those who are generous,  
because they feed the poor.*

CCC members, friends and families are invited to join a food-packing event in **LIBERTYVILLE** at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and they ship the meals to nearly 70 countries around the world.

We'll meet at church at 1:15pm to caravan to Libertyville. While donations are not required to pack at this session, FMSC humbly **requests** them. As you're willing and able, you may donate on the day you volunteer or online before or after you pack.

Group Name:	Community Christian Church
Group Code:	305403
Group Size:	25
Site:	Libertyville
Date:	Sat. February 16, 2013
Time:	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

To join the group, contact the church office, or go to:

<http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=305403>

To find out more about the organization, go to FMSC.org

If you have questions about the food packing event, please contact the church office at Office@CCCLincolnshire.org or 847 945-8824.

## CCC Youth Calendar

JAN 9	4-7:30PM	SOUP KITCHEN
JAN 13	11:30AM	PADS LUNCHES YOUTH GROUP
JAN 20	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP
JAN 27	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP
FEB 16	2-4PM	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN





On the second Sunday of each month, we are charged with making bag lunches for the "guests" who stay at the First Presbyterian Church in Deerfield - a Lake County PADS site. The lunches are provided to the guests on Monday mornings as they go out to job search. We will fill the lunch bags here at CCC directly after worship service on the appointed Sunday. Members and friends of our church congregation sign up to contribute the specific items needed to fill the bags items. If you are interested in donating, you may sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in Friendship Hall &/or contact the church office. You can also sign up through Google Drive by using this



link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0ApwKgTpWtxN0dG9jVTg0QXVZdHhZyY2NSZWJsSWxGZ2c>

## 26 Acts of Kindness

This is a time of resolutions and here's one we can all try to keep. In the wake of our nation's grief over the Sandy Hook massacre, NBC's Ann Curry has urged Americans to undertake one act of kindness for each of the 26 innocent lives that were lost. Are you in? Here are some ideas for you: <https://www.facebook.com/26acts>  
<http://www.hlnv.com/slideshow/2012/12/21/26-acts-kindness-sandy-hook-megan-miller>

The General Operating Budget data for November 2012 is as follows:

November income	\$26,501
November expenses	\$21,439
YTD income	\$232,144
YTD expenses	\$233,439

## Children's Church School

### 2012-2013 Rotation Lesson Plans



January - Samaritan Woman at the Well

February - Zacchaeus

March - Mary Magdalene

April - Easter Around the World

May - Paul: Who Can be a Christian?

**SAVE THIS DATE!**  
**February 16 at 6pm**

Our accompanist is planning a very special recital at CCC and hopes that everyone will attend!

More details to follow...

# Giggles...

*A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.*

*From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.*

*She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.*

*Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"*

*"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."*

*"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"*

*"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."*

*Feeling their respective faces again, she observed,*

*"God's getting better at it, isn't he?"*

## Staff Thank You Letters

Dear Church Family,  
We are so thankful for your generous Christmas gift. You are a warm and loving congregation to which we are so thankful to be a part. Blessings on you and yours in this season of celebrating the God among us! May your Christmas season be one of hope, joy, peace and overflowing love. It is our joy to ministry with you as we serve our Lord in this community and beyond.

In His Loving Embrace,  
Bryan and Teresa

On behalf of the entire staff at CCC, I share their thanks and gratitude for your generous gifts to them. Thank you.

Dear Finance Committee and Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the generous scholarship that you have granted me for my last semester at Trinity. This helps us out so much. Before your scholarship, I would not have had enough loan money to complete my education. So my last semester would have had to come out of our pocket, and this would have made things very tight on us financially. Thanks to the scholarship, we don't have to worry if we are going to have enough money to finish my education. Now, I can finish without having to take out additional loans at a higher interest rate. So, thank you so, so much. Thanks for being willing to be used by God to aid in my preparation for a lifetime of ministry. I greatly appreciate it.

In Christ,  
Adam Fike

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the Christmas gift that you have given us. I admire your generosity and the way you care for your staff and one another. You have made this Christmas merrier by your gift, and we appreciate it greatly. It is a pleasure to work at CCC, and we look forward to the upcoming months together. Thanks again!

In Christ,  
Adam and Randi Fike

Dear CCC Family,  
Thank you for being so generous! The Christmas gift was very much appreciated and helped make our giving season very merry. I am very fortunate to work where I enjoy what I do, and each one of you makes this a caring, encouraging environment. Many thanks!  
Peace & Love,  
Judy Mankus

## **FIVE BEST THINGS TO SAY IF YOU GET CAUGHT SLEEPING AT YOUR DESK**

### **NUMBER 5:**

"They told me at the Blood Bank this might happen."



**NUMBER 4:** "This is just a 15 minute power nap they raved about in the time-management course you sent me to."



**NUMBER 3 :** "Whew! Guess I left the top off the White-out. You probably got here just in time!"



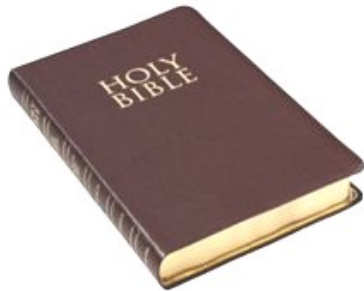
**NUMBER 2:** "Did you ever notice sound coming out of these keyboards when you put your ear down real close?"



**NUMBER 1:** And MY all-time Favorite: best thing to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk: (Raising your head slowly) "...in Jesus' name, Amen."



THE CHURCH KITCHEN



## Bible Learning Opportunities at CCC

### Adult Sunday School

Teresa Elliott will be leading our Adult Sunday School every Sunday in the church office from 9-9:30am. It will be a brief, yet insightful time to grow in our faith together.

### Sermon in the Round

Resuming on January 8, 2013, we will meet every Tuesday at 10 am for "Sermon in the Round" led by Pastor Bryan. We jump into the scripture and ask questions about the sermon in a group setting. We also spend some time praying for one another and other prayer needs as they arise. One of the best ways to get to know the people in your church is in small groups. This is just one opportunity to grow in relationship as well as in your faith. Hope to see you on Tuesday, January 8!



### Evening Adult Bible Study

On January 10, 2013, our mid week study will be on the Book of Psalms and we will be using Eugene Peterson's study guide entitled "Psalms: Prayers of the Heart." It will run 6 weeks through mid-February. If you would like to attend the cost of the book is \$7 and we need confirmation of your attendance so we can purchase the books. Please contact the church office or Pastor Bryan at 847-664-0577.



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Thanks to Dad Hengge (See Genesis 3)

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OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN "LESS FRUIT", BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH "TRUST PEOPLE MORE"





# Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in December:

Ron  
Jim  
Nina  
Lynn  
Rosalie  
Char  
Jane

Thank you to all those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in November.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with our PADS efforts!

Thank you to everyone for helping decorate the church for Christmas - inside and out!

Thank you Dave & Lucia for hosting the Holiday Open House.

Thank you to everyone for helping with and participating in the Cantata, Luncheon and the Christmas Pageant.

Thank you for purchasing poinsettias.

Thank you to Jim for taking care of the nativity scene after the windy weather.

Thank you for being so generous and helping with the Angel Tree gifts.

Thank you to our Advent acolytes.  
Thank you to our Advent readers.

# Happy Birthday!

Michael Craig	1
Kristin	1
Erin	3
Kyle	3
Anna	5
Michael	6
Rick	6
Jean	7
Susan	9
Bailey	11
Vicki	14
Brian	15
Laurie	16
Lucia	17
Tommy	21
Madeleine	22
Ping	22
Mary	23
Bob	24
Ellery	24
Jeff	25
Jan	25
Pat	25
Ashley	26
Susan	27
Amy	30
George	30
Chris	31
Joanna	31

# Happy Anniversary!

Nelson and Ann	8
Barry and Margaret	22

## CCC Directory Changes

Congratulations to Linda on her retirement.



## Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Aleondra	Ginny, Ava & Ingrid
Alexander & Evan	Jane
Alice & family	Jayne
Ann	Family of Jessie
Beth & Bennett	Jim
Bettye & family	John & Jen
Beverly	Lesli, Bunny & Burt
Brent	Lorri
Carmel Christian	Marty
Church	Michael
Carol	Mina
Char	National & World
CJ	Leaders
Danielle & Danny	Nelson
Debbie	Nicholas &
Diane & family	family
Eric	Our Stephen Ministry
Family of Bill	Our Troops
Family of Blair	Patty
Family of Chuck	Rich
Family of George	Sandy
Family of Jay	Sherry & Robert
Family of Jill	Stacey & family
Family of Keith	Suzanne
Family of Kenlay	Tom
Family of Kris	Tom
Family of Linda	
Family of Mack	
Family of Marla	
Family of Mary	
Family of Penny	
Family of Reba	
Family of Sean	
Family of Tom	
Family of Walt	
George	

## Short Term Prayer List

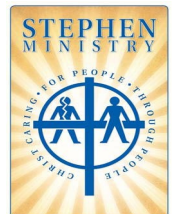
Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for six consecutive weeks, after which, they will be either be taken off the list, or moved to the long term prayer list. Contact the church office to resubmit the name, if needed and it will gladly be added.

Alma  
Ethan  
Family of Jim  
Florence  
Helen  
Janice  
John



*Watch for Some Exciting Correspondence from the Congregational Care Committee coming next week!*

## How's it Going with Those Resolutions?



As we begin the New Year, we have a chance for a fresh start or a "do-over". Mostly we resolve to lose weight, eat healthy and get rid of a bad habit. Isn't it interesting that so many of our resolutions have to do with our physical health and rarely do they include of spiritual well-being?

Just as those extra ounces can grow into pounds (always in the wrong places) so can our close relationship with our Heavenly Father slowly slide away. Neglected relationships can easily die away until they somehow disappear. Understanding that the Lord never loses His interest in each of us, but if you need to work on your "side" of this relationship, this would be a wise time to connect with a Stephen Minister. Call Bryan and he will make the arrangements. Happy New Year - and Happy renewed relationship with our Lord.

# JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 <span style="color: red;">■</span> 8am Men's Breakfast <span style="color: red;">■</span> 9am Putting Away Christmas
6 Epiphany <span style="color: red;">■</span> 8am Worship <span style="color: red;">■</span> 9am Adult SS <span style="color: red;">■</span> 10am Worship	7 <span style="color: green;">■</span> 7pm Troop 78	8 <span style="color: red;">■</span> 10am Sermon in the Round	9 <span style="color: red;">■</span> 4pm Soup Kitchen <span style="color: red;">■</span> 7pm Choir Practice	10 <span style="color: red;">■</span> 7pm Bible Study	11 <span style="color: red;">■</span> 8am Women's Coffee Break	12
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